U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Initiatives

What's New at HQ?

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PARTNERSHIPS

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- Teamwork with Local, State and Regional Governments

- Administration emphasis on “citizen-centered government” and “civic environmentalism

- Partnerships with Other Federal Agencies-Leverage authorities, missions, programs

- Examples:
  - American Heritage Rivers Initiative
  - Coastal America
  - Estuary Restoration Program
  - Watershed Initiative--revival of CWAP

NEW AT HQ & AROUND TOWN:

- National Water Policy Dialogue
- Chief's Environmental Operating Principles
- WRDA 2002
- National Watershed Forum
  - National Watershed Roundtable
  - Regional Watershed Roundtables
- Year of Clean Water
- Environmental Sustainability
- Implement PMBP
- World Summit on Sustainable

National Water Policy Dialogue

- Nationwide listening sessions identified challenges
- National Dialogue hosted by AWRA set for Sept 2002
- Panelists will address 6 Key Challenges:
  - Restoring and Protecting the Environment
  - Managing Watersheds Holistically
  - Floodplain and Coastal Zone Management
  - Water Infrastructure
  - Sustainable Water Use and Drought Management

Chief's Environmental Operating Principles

- Strive to achieve Environmental Sustainability
- Recognize interdependence bio-phys world
- Seek balance and synergy between human and natural systems
- Accept corporate responsibility and accountability
- Assess and mitigate cumulative impacts
- Integrate scientific, economic and social knowledge base
- Respect & listen to views of others and find innovative win-win solutions

National Watershed Forum

- Delegates from Regional Watershed Roundtables
- Resolution called for creation of
  - National Watershed Strategy
  - National Watershed Trust Fund
- Federal Executive Watershed Steering Committee created
- CWAP Steering Committee = Interagency Watershed Coordination Committee
- Regional Watershed Coordinating Committees
- Regional Watershed Roundtables re-convened
- Principals sign MOU and host National

YEAR OF CLEAN WATER

- Congressional Resolution & Presidential Proclamation
- Anniversary of the Clean Water Act
- National Water Quality Monitoring Day
- Youth Watershed Summit
- Senior Watershed Summit
- World Watershed Summit
- Improving Public Participation & Governance in Water Management Symposium
- National Storm Water Management Symposium

http://www.yearofcleanwater.org/

WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

26 August - 4 September 2002 = Rio + 10

Follow up on Agenda 21 from Rio conference

Interlink economic and environmental health worldwide

Evaluate obstacles

Identify plans of action

Renew commitment to achieving global sustainability

US Deliverables include proposals for other nations involving US assistance

http://www.johannesburgsummit.org/index.html

NEW AT HQ & AROUND TOWN:

- National Water Policy Dialogue—planning ongoing
- Chief's Environmental Operating Principles--DONE
- National Watershed Forum—under discussion

  National Watershed Roundtable

  Regional Watershed Roundtables
- Year of Clean Water—work in progress
- World Summit on Sustainable Development--August
- WRDA 2002 --Still working?

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  - Project Modifications for Improvement of the Environment
- Section 206 WRDA 96
  - Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration
- Section 204
  - Beneficial Uses of Dredged Material

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  - Dredging of Contaminated Sediments
- Section 212 WRDA 99
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  - Amends 729 of WRDA ’86, Watershed Planning authority

Partnerships
Essential to
Success